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CORRIERE DELLA SERA HEADLINE: "USSR ACCUSED OF HAVING A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MASSACRED AFGHANS. FEDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN PAKISTAN DENDUNCES THE USE OF TOXIC GAS (WHICH TASS DENIES), AND THE KILLING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN." IL POPOLO: "WERE CIVILIANS EXTERMINATED WITH GAS BY RUSSIAN SOLDIERS?" CORRADO AUGIAS IN LA REPUBBLICA: "THE AFGHAN WAR IS AN EXCEPTION IN A WORLD OF SHOW BIZ. . IN A WORLD DUMINATED BY THE SPEED OF COMMUNICATION. AFGHANISTAN TAKES US BACK TO A TIME

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MUCH BEFORE WW II. ESPECIALLY BEFORE THE VIETNAM WAR.

MONTHS AND YEARS: EVERY GUNSHOT: EVERY REPRISAL: EVERY MASSACRE.

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THE BURNING OF VILLAGES, HELICOPTER ATTACKS (IN VIETNAM) WERE COVERED BY PRESS, DHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV. THERE WERE MCST DRAMATIC SCENES, WHICH SHOWED THE US IN THE WORSE LIGHT...
TODAY NOTHING ARRIVES FROM KABUL EXCEPT TASS COMMUNIQUES, I.E. TOTAL SILENCE. WHY THE DIFFERENCE? THE TRUTH IS THAT THE AMERICAN SYSTEM PROVIDES NOT ONLY THE RIGHT TO DISSENT, BUT ALSO THE RIGHT TO BLAME THE LEADERS. THE SYSTEM ITSELF, THE INSTITUTIONS, ARE NOT GUESTIONED BECAUSE THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY A GENERAL CONSENSUS...THE LACK OF NEWS FROM KABUL TELLS US THAT THE KREMLIN IS AFRAID. THERE IS NO SOCIAL CONSENSUS IN THE USSR, AND THEREFORE A POSSIBLE WAVE OF DEEPLY UPSET PUBLIC OPINION COULD OVERCOME NOT ONLY BREZHNEV BUT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. IVAN, THE RED ARMY SOLDIER, CANNOT BE SHOWN TO THE WORLD KILLING GUERRILLAS, BECAUSE HE MUST MAINTAIN THE HEHOIC SPLENDOR OF A STATUE. AS BRECHT SAID, NOE TO THE COUNTRIES WHO STILL NEED HEROES."

D. SCHMIDT IN THE US COVERAGE VERY MODERATE. PAESE SERA: SCHMIDT WILL TELL CARTER THAT WASHINGTON HAS NO CONSISTENT LINE."
LA REPUBBLICA: "SCHMIDT DEFENDS OSTPOLITIK."
AVANTI: "SCHMIDT TRIES TO CLARIFY MISUNDERSTANDINGS."
PAOLO GARIMBERTI IN LA STAMPA: "THE VISIT IS MAINLY AN ATTEMPT TO FIND A COMMON AMERICAN-EUROPEAN PUSITION FOR A SOLUTION TO THE AFGHAN CRISIS, AND TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST."

E. US VOTE AGAINST ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS
SOME PAPERS CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE VOTE, IN BRIEF INSIDEPAGE ARTICLES.
IGOR MAN IN LA STAMPA: "DESPITE CARTER'S ELECTORAL CORRECTION:
THE AMERICAN VOTE REMAINS A HISTORIC TURNING POINT, FOR THE FIRST
TIME THE US HAS FORMALIZED ITS OPPOSITION TO ISRAELI POLICY."
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